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Chief of Mission, 25X1A
Attention: 25X1A
Office of the General Counsel

Administrative
Transmittal of Public Laws

1. We felt the attached copies of bills enacted last year might be useful to you and that at least you would find some interest in looking them over. We may come across others of similar nature, and if so will send them along. You probably know that we have been able to adopt the educational allowances provided for in the Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1955, although there was one nice little technical question - whether the inclusion in P. L. 110 of the authority to grant allowances in accordance with 901 of the 1946 Act would authorize us to grant those included in section 901 of the 1955 amendments. However, the Comptroller General's Office took a very reasonable attitude insofar as we are concerned, and the point is settled for now.

2. We have been doing a great deal of work on the proposals for legislation which we believe is necessary, particularly for certain other benefits. These have to do with accrual of home leave similar to that in the Foreign Service, accelerated retirement for overseas service, medical benefits for dependents, including travel expenses of dependents to a suitable place for treatment and cost of treatment where the illness or injury might relate to the duty station or the duties of the employee. I believe it would be premature to send you drafts as we have not even gone to the Bureau of the Budget yet, and the final proposals and the chance of obtaining the legislation are a completely unknown quantity. I feel, however, it might be of general interest to have people know that we are working on this and by we I mean not only this Office but all the offices involved. We will try to keep you posted on any real progress.

3. The recent visits of members of this Office should have you pretty well posted on recent events, and I think we know your problems pretty well. Keep us informed of any thoughts

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you get on additional training for your replacement, as we want to give him everything that will be useful while we have time. He is hard at work on the language and should be pretty proficient by the time he arrives.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

Attachments

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